WHEREAS, medical diagnosis and treatment decisions rely heavily on timely and accurate clinical laboratory test results; and

WHEREAS, billions of these laboratory tests are performed in the United States each year in hospital and commercial laboratories and other sites; and

WHEREAS, critical decisions regarding public health, such as the control of disease outbreaks, rely heavily on the accurate and timely analysis performed by laboratory professionals; and

WHEREAS, the exacting standards of modern medical practice require scientific precision of clinical and public health tests performed daily by laboratory professionals; and

WHEREAS, the medical and public health fields rely on the dedicated efforts of laboratory professionals to maintain the high standards of quality in laboratory practice; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's approximately 7,000 laboratory professionals perform 100 million laboratory tests a year to support the health of our residents and help provide a complete picture of an individual patient's health; and

WHEREAS, the more than 529,000 laboratory professionals across the country are being honored this week for their dedication to serving individual patients and the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

APRIL 14 THROUGH APRIL 20, 2024

AS

MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK

in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-eighth day of March in the year two thousand twenty-four, the two hundred forty-eighth year of the Independence of the United States.

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